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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJECT: ROGERS' CONVERSATION WITH CARVAJAL

1. I MET WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL ON AFTERNOON DECEMBER 7 AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU. WE BEGAN BY AGREEING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING BE HARMONIOUS PRODUCTION. I ASKED HIM HIS VIEWS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF CUBA. CHILE'S ATTITUDE WOULD DEPEND A GREAT DEAL ON CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA'S BEHAVIOR HERE IN LIMA AND THEREAFTER. HE NOTED THAT ROA HAD BEEN INSULTING TO THE CHILEANS AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND UNDERSTANDABLY, THE CHILEANS DO NOT WISH TO SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO THIS AGAIN. WITH REGARD TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT CUBA, HE THOUGHT THAT ROA'S PRESENCE IN BUENOS AIRES WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM.

2. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT PINOCHET WOULD NOT BE COMING TO LIMA TO ATTEND THE AYACUCHO CEREMONIES. IT HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION IN CHILE PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY. PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES IN QUITO THAT ROA WOULD NOT BE IN LIMA BUT HE LEARNED, UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN LIMA, THAT ROA WOULD BE COMING AFTER ALL. HE SAID THAT ONE REASON PINOCHET DID NOT WISH TO ATTEND THE AYACUCHO
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CEREMONIES WAS BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN ANTI-PINOCHET ACTIVITIES

IN PERU INSPIRED BY THE CUBANS. ONE LEAFLET, DISTRIBUTED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM CUBA REPORTEDLY URGED THE ASSASSINATION OF PINOCHET WHILE IN LIMA. CARVAJAL SAID THERE HAD BEEN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SUCH LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED IN LIMA. THE CHILEANS CLAIM TO HAVE A COPY OF A LETTER SENT FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ORDERING THE LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION.

3. I ASKED HIM HIS VIEW OF VENEZUELA'S FUTURE ROLE IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE THOUGHT OF VENEZUELA AS A COUNTRY WITHOUT PROBLEMS, HAVING PLENTY OF MONEY, A STABLE POLITICAL SYSTEM. HE SAID THEY TAKE AN "OLYMPIAN" VIEW OF THE REST OF THE HEMISPHERE AND LAMENTED THAT RECENTLY VENEZUELAN/CHILEAN RELATIONS HAD BEEN DIFFICULT, A NEW AND UNFORTUNATE CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' RELATIONS. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS DUE TO THE TRAUMA WHICH THE CURRENT POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF VENEZUELA HAD SUFFERED UNDER THE PEREZ JIMENEZ MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

4. CARVAJAL WAS PLEASED WITH THE POLICY PLANNING TALKS RECENTLY HELD IN SANTIAGO. THEY WERE POSITIVE AND FRANK.

5. REFERRING TO THE MEETING ON TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SANTIAGO HE AVERRED THAT HIS ASSISTANT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAD REPORTED TO HIM THAT THERE WAS A GROUP WITH AN EXTREMELY HARD ANTI-UNITED STATES ATTITUDE AT THE MEETING. HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CHILEAN ATTITUDE. HE FELT THAT LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS TENDED TO BLAME OUTSIDERS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, FOR THEIR UNDER-DEVELOPMENT WHEN IN FACT IT WAS MAINLY DUE TO THEIR OWN LACK OF DRIVE. I TOLD HIM THAT AMBASSADOR BOWDLER WAS PREPARING A REPORT ON THE AMERICAN RESPONSE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP IN MONTEVIDEO.

6. CARVAJAL BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF CHILEAN ARMS. HE REITERATED THE CHILEAN NEED TO OBTAIN DEFENSIVE WEAPONS TO COUNTERACT THE DISEQUILIBRIUM WHICH HAD BEEN CREATED BY THE MASSIVE INFLUX OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PERU. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE TOW. HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT PERUVIAN MILITARY CIRCLES, PRIME MINISTER MARCADO IN PARTICULAR, WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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THINKING OF A QUICK MIDDLE EAST-TYPE WAR IN WHICH TERRITORIAL GAINS COULD BE ACHIEVED BEFORE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS STEPPED IN TO HALD THE HOSTILITIES. CARVAJAL THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE TRAGIC. IT WAS BOUND TO HAVE INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS BUT COLOSSAL COSTS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES AND IT WOULD CREATE AN UNSTABLE SITUATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SUBSEQUENT RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES. I DISCUSSED OUR PROBLEMS WICH CONGRESS AND TOLD HIM THAT NEXT WEEK THE PICTURE WOULD BE CLEARER. I

STRESSED OUR SUPERVENTING INTEREST THAT PEACE BE PRESERVED. HE POINTEDLY INQUIRED WHETHER, IN LIGHT OF THE SENATE ACTION, THERE WAS A CHANCE OF AVOIDING A BAN IN THIS YEAR'S BILL. I SAID NO. HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER A BAN IN THE AID BILL WOULD FORBID DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES OF THE TOW. I TOLD HIM THIS DEPENDED ON THE FINAL LANGUAGE.

COMMENT: CARVAJAL WAS SURPRISINGLY RELAXED, BOTH ON BUENOS AIRES AND ON THE ARMS QUESTION, PARTICULARLY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MOMENT IN LIMA. THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE OR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT AND HIMSELF HANG HEAVY IN THE AIR. AN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PERUVIAN HOSTS MUST HAVE DECIDEDLY COOLED IN THE LAST DAY OR SO. I SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH HCW THROUGH TUESDAY. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD SEND US AN UPDATE ON THE HOUSE DELIBERATIONS ON THE AID BILL NO LATER THAN TUESDAY NOON.
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